



NAVAJO DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR SELF RELIANCE



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Department for Self Reliance Remains a Department

Window Rock, Ariz. – The Department for Self Reliance (DSR) proudly announces that it will remain a department. On Wednesday, June 18, 2014 the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) of the Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation number 0144-14, amending the Plan of Operation for the DSR with one exception, that the DSR's request to remain a department be granted.

The approved amendment to the Plan of Operations officially transfers the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the P.L. 93-638 Financial Assistance Programs: General Assistance, Burial Assistance and Emergency Assistance from the DSR back to the Department for Family Services (DFS).

"We are thankful for the opportunity to administer the LIHEAP and the P.L. 93-638 Financial Assistance Programs. It has allowed our TANF employees to collaborate with the P.L. 93-638 Financial Assistance Programs employees while they were with the DSR. The knowledge we gained from one another will allow the programs to flourish. The employees will be able to refer customers with confidence and are equipped with a better understanding of each programs best practices, protocol, policy and procedures. We wish the DFS success," stated DSR Department Manager III, Roxanne Gorman.

The DSR extends their gratitude to the HEHSC for their support in allowing DSR to remain recognized as a department.

For more information on the LIHEAP and P.L. 93-638 Financial Assistance Programs you may call the DFS at (928) 871-6556 or (866) 251-5651.

For more information on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) please contact your local DSR office. Chinle, AZ: (866) 700-5175; Crownpoint, NM: (866) 784-1694; Fort Defiance, AZ: (866) 860-9549; Greasewood, AZ: (928) 654-3910; Gallup, NM: (866) 704-6940; Kayenta, AZ: (928) 697-5660; Montezuma Creek, UT: (435) 651-3535; Shiprock, NM: (866) 309-0346; Tuba City, AZ: (866) 731-7015; or call Support Services at (866) 347-2403.

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